SUBJECT: STREET TREE PLAN - CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
POLICY NO.:   200-09
EFFECTIVE DATE: August 4, 1966

BACKGROUND:

Municipal Code Section 62.0614 provides that from time to time a plan shall be prepared which designates, by means of a complete map of City streets, a uniform method of street tree planting, zoning certain streets for a certain specimen of tree or trees, shrub or shrubs, and showing the distance apart and the place where each tree or shrub is to be planted. Above Code Section also provides that after the plan has been approved by the City Manager, same shall be submitted to the Council for modification and/or adoption, by that body. If and when the uniform plan is adopted it shall become the tree planting plan for the streets of the City of San Diego and shall be strictly adhered to in all future street planting improvement projects and in the removal and replacement of such trees, shrubs and plants on streets. Further, the uniform plan of tree planting may, but need not, be adopted by the Council at one time; but the Council may adopt the uniform street tree planting for different portions of the City within a reasonable length of time the completed plan for any particular portion of the City has been submitted to the Council.

PURPOSE:

To establish continuity and uniformity of street tree planting in the Central Business District.

POLICY:

A.   Tree selection in any congested area such as the Central Business District is difficult and the number of trees suitable for this type of planting is limited. Trees shall be:

   1.   Deep-rooted but with roots that are not likely to cause undue damage to adjacent utility lines or structures.

   2.   Adaptable to controlled pruning where limitations in height and width are required.

   3.   Adaptable to planting in restricted space where access to air and water is limited.

   4.   Evergreen and non-fruiting, to avoid litter of falling leaves and fruit.

   5.   Hardy; resistant to both insect infestation and fungus diseases and able to withstand the adverse effects of exhaust fumes and accumulations of litter and debris which often are deposited within the planting space.

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B.   Trees meeting the above criteria are as follows:

  1.   Jacaranda Acutifolia - A deciduous tree with feathery fine textured foliage which produces an attractive lavender bloom during the flowering season. This tree has been selected only for streets bordering the downtown area on the north because of its deciduous nature and the problem of bloom drop. It is a desirable tree however, growing to a height of about thirty-five (35) feet with a spread of about twenty-five (25) feet, is strong wooded, deep-rooted and will withstand abuse, neglect and drought conditions. It is relatively free of both insects and fungus disease.

  2.   Podocarpus Elongata - An evergreen tree with feathery foliage capable of reaching large dimension, often growing to a height of seventy (70) feet, with a spread of fifty (50) feet. This tree is adaptable to planting in restricted areas and can be controlled where both height and width of growth are concerned. The Podocarpus has a deep rooting system, is strong wooded and resistant to insects and fungus diseases.

  3.   Cupania Anacardioides - A small evergreen tree growing to a height of thirty-five (35) feet with a spread of twenty-five (25) feet. This tree has glossy green leaves, is deep-rooted and strong wooded. It is resistant to both insects and fungus diseases and is drought tolerant once established.

  4.   Washingtonia Robusta - This palm tree is capable of growing to great heights and will be in scale with the taller buildings. The Washingtonia palm is a hardy variety, grows rapidly and is resistant to most palm diseases.

C.   The Central Business District tree planting plan shall generally conform to the above described tree species as outlined on the street tree plan prepared for this area, on file in the Park Division office.

HISTORY:

Adopted by Resolution R-188004   08/04/1966

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